

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 3 and 4 as follows and add Claims 5-8:

1. (Original) A method of improving the hydrolytic stability of a polycarbonate-containing resin composition comprising the placing under humid conditions, for a sufficient period of time, of such a resin composition comprising the polycarbonate resin and a flame retardant blend comprising an arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition and an effective amount of neopentylglycol bis (diphenyl phosphate) so that the hydrolytic stability of the resin composition under such conditions is retained to a greater degree as compared to a composition comprising, as a flame retardant therein, a composition comprising the arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition without the neopentylglycol bis (diphenylphosphate).

2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition contains a bridging group derived from bisphenol A.

3. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the total amount of phosphate ester flame retardant in the composition ranges from about 5% to about 40%, by weight of the composition.

4. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the ratio of arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition to neopentylglycol bis(diphenyl phosphate) ranges from about 9:1 to about 1:9.

5. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the total amount of phosphate ester flame retardant in the composition ranges from about 5% to about 40%, by weight of the composition.

6. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 5 wherein the ratio of arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition to neopentylglycol bis(diphenyl phosphate) ranges from about 9:1 to about 1:9.

7. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the ratio of arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition to neopentylglycol bis(diphenyl phosphate) ranges from about 9:1 to about 1:9.

8. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 3 wherein the ratio of arylene-bridged oligomeric phosphate composition to neopentylglycol bis(diphenyl phosphate) ranges from about 9:1 to about 1:9.